

ORDER NO. H-01-05

**OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS
ON MOTORIZED WHEELED CROSS-COUNTRY TRAVEL
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST
REGION ONE**

Pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest lands within the boundaries of the Helena National Forest. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in Subpart A, Part 261, Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations and become effective when the Order is signed. The restrictions, herein described, shall remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

****For the purposes of this order, "Motorized Vehicles" does not include Snowmobiles.****

1. Possessing or using motorized vehicles off National Forest System Roads, (36 CFR 261.56), to the extent that:

When no visible, clearly evident, two-track or single-track routes are present:

- A. The passage of the motorized vehicle off the developed road depresses undisturbed ground or crushes vegetation, or

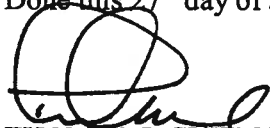
When visible, clearly evident, two-track or single-track routes are present:

- B. The motorized vehicle maximum width (the distance from the outside of the left tire to the outside of the right tire, or maximum width for motorcycles) is wider than the road or trail profile.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons may be exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Motorized wheeled cross-country travel to a campsite within 300 feet of road or trail.

Done this 27th day of June, 2001.



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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both (15 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).